

I strongly urge you not deny BellSouth's request for deregulating broadband. This can only harm the little ISP's that depending on the cost controls put in place by regulation so that they can afford to offer broadband services to their clients at an affordable price. Without these price controls the large phone companies could charge whatever they wanted putting smaller more customer friendly and aware ISP's out of business forcing people to deal with unfriendly, uncaring and expensive phone companies for their ISP service. This could also allow the phone companies to not have to share thier lines with the small ISP all together. This will not help competition and pricing it will hurt it and the consumer who is already paying far too much for broadband service as it is. Please deny the request.

Thanks,

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